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EXAMINER:

FOR: USE OF HYPERBRANCHED POLYMERS COMPRISING URETHANE AND/OR UREA GROUPS FOR MODIFYING SURFACES

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97**

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

**REFERENCES**

- Submitted herewith is a German translation of a Japanese Office Action for the Examiner's consideration. Cited reference JP 11-508630 corresponds to US 5,981,684 and WO 97/02304, which were previously filed on April 22, 2005. Cited reference JP 7-504219 corresponds to US 5,418,301, which was also filed on April 22, 2005.
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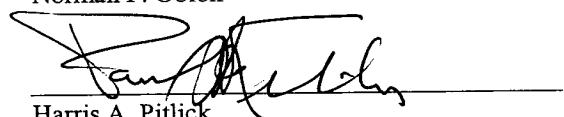
- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s), published application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. In accordance with the waiver of 37 CFR 1.98 dated September 21, 2004, copies of the cited pending applications are not provided. Cited published and/or issued patents, if any, are listed on the attached PTO form 1449.
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